State	No. of Indoor Stadia completed				
	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
Andhra Pradesh	-	-	-	-	6
Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	-	-	1
Himachal Pradesh	-	-	-	1	-
Karnataka	-	1	2	2	1
Kerala	-	1	1	-	1
Maharashtra	1	1	-	-	1
Mizoram	-	-	-	-	1
Nagaland	-	-	-	1	-
Punjab	-	-	6	1	-
Tamil Nadu	-	-	-	-	1
West Bengal	-	-	-	-	1
TOTAL	1	3	9	5	13

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The proposal was rejected as it did not conform to the provision of prior approval of the Government before commencing construction work under the scheme.

Providing free solar Lanterns

†1529. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to provide free solar lanterns as an alternative to power, in the distant areas and rural areas in proximity to the forests, in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government are also considering to provide solar lanterns free of cost in the flood-prone areas where power supply is disrupted every year due to floods;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) to (d) The Government is considering a proposal to re-introduce solar lanterns, under the subsidy schemes. The details of which are to be worked out.

Villages Electrified in Karnataka with Solar Energy

1530 SHRI B K HARIPRASAD Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state

(a) the number of villages in the State of Karnataka that have been electrified with the help of solar energy schemes during the last three years,

(b) what is the potential of electricity connections using solar energy in the State; and

(c) how much funds have been allotted to the State under the Solar Village Electrification Scheme during during the last year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR) (a) No villages have been electrified through non-conventional enery sources, including solar energy, in Karnataka during the last three years under the Remote Village Electrification Programme of the Ministry. However, solar photovoltaic home lighting systems and street lighting systems were installed in four villages in the State during 2003-04.

(b) The State Agency proposes to take up electrification of five unelectrified remote villages and eight unelectrified remote hamlets through solar photovoltaic systems during 2004-2005

(c) As no firm proposals were received from the State Agency, no funds were sanctioned last year for Remote Village Electrification projects in the State. However, an amount of Rs 280.54 lakhs was sanctioned for solar photovoltaic projects in the State during 2003-2004.